

Carroll County Lands Advisory Committee Meeting
County Administration Building
March 9, 2018

Present: Steve Knox, Chairman; Amanda Bevard, Co-Chairman; Sandy Brocaar; Dale Drew; Susan Gaudette, Recording Secretary; Mark McConkey

Others present: Representative Ed Comeau

Quorum present? Yes

The meeting was called to order at 3:08 by Chair Steve Knox.

Minutes:

Sandy Brocaar made a motion to accept the minutes of the March 2nd meeting. Susan Gaudette seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Subcommittee updates:

- Non motorized trails – pictures of certain land features and the forest type map have been added to the presentation which is being finalized to present to the commissioners on March 28th.
- Agricultural Learning Center – The committee will visit the Educational Center on the Sullivan County Lands in Unity next Friday March 16th.

3:12 Amanda Bevard arrived.

NHCF Grant:

The committee continued their discussion of the NH Charitable Foundation grant and the need for a feasibility study. Where/if anywhere do we need to utilize a feasibility study? What research can we do on our own? Do we have the time to dedicate to the research? Should we request the study or should a potential lessee? The consensus was there was not enough time to apply for a grant from NHCF for a feasibility study by the end of March.

3:17 Mark McConkey arrived.

The committee discussed leasing out the county's hayfields, the blueberry bush field and the high tunnel. They agreed an inventory and inspection should be taken of the buildings, equipment, high tunnel and fields. The inventory should

include dimensions/acreage, water volume, hay tonnage cut and any relevant history such as fertilizer application and nutrient content.

Dale Drew made a motion to ask the commissioners if they would be willing to lease for compensation to a private citizen or business entity the blueberry bush field located on the Carroll County Lands. Mark McConkey seconded the motion. The motion passed with one member abstaining.

Sandy Brocaar made a motion to ask the commissioners if they would be willing to lease for compensation to a private citizen or business entity the hayfields located on the Carroll County Lands. Dale Drew seconded the motion. The motion passed with one member abstaining.

Sandy Brocaar made a motion to ask the commissioners if they would be willing to lease for compensation to a private citizen or business entity the high tunnel plot located on the Carroll County lands. Mark McConkey seconded the motion. After a brief discussion Sandy Brocaar made a motion to add “ and a contiguous garden plot”. Mark Mcconkey agreed to the amendment and seconded that motion. The amended motion passed with one member abstaining.

Action item – Steve Knox will request time on the agenda for the County Commissioners’ meeting next Wednesday March, 14th.

Adjourn:

Dale Drew made a motion to adjourn. Amanda Bevard seconded the motion. All were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 5:29.

Respectfully submitted by Susan Gaudette, Recording Secretary